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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented)   A method of providing to a subscriber a least cost for a variable bit rate communication between a first terminal and a distant terminal to said subscriber, the method comprising

i) determining least cost alternative network resources available for achieving said communication at a default quality of service and a required bit rate;

ii) determining cost data associated with said network resources; and

iii) outputting to said subscriber a least cost for said communication according to said default quality of service and said least cost alternative network resources.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1 further comprising coupling said first terminal and said distant terminal via said least cost determined network resources and said default quality of service at said required bit rate.

3. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 2 further comprising billing for said communication at said default quality of service and according to said required bit rate after the termination of the communication.

4. (Original)   The method of claim 1 further comprising
displaying a least cost route through a plurality of different networks, alternative network paths having a different quality of service, alternative selectable required bit rates and alternative costs;